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Mr. Robert Farrell, Chairman
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Dear Mr. Farrell:

It is my understanding that the BRA Board will discuss, at its Thursday, June 26 public meeting, Mr. Donald Chiofaro's May 29 letter to Mayor Flynn. In that letter, Mr. Chiofaro refuses to reaffirm his linkage contract obligation of \$8.7 million to the City arising out of the International Place Development. He also expressed grave concern about his ability to meet his obligation to pay the City \$4 million for land located under the High Street ramp.

Mr. Chiofaro has indicated publicly on a number of occasions that Tower 2 of the International Place Development could and would proceed regardless of whether the High Street ramp relocation proved feasible. We are, therefore, perplexed as to why the ramp relocation is relevant to Mr. Chiofaro's existing obligations to the City.

Nevertheless, in light of Mr. Chiofaro's letter, I thought it might be useful for the BRA to be apprised of the Department's current position on the ramp relocation matter. Our position on the ramp question has been a consistent one. The Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel project is critical to the economic future of the City and the region. We have made it clear in all of our discussions with Mr. Chiofaro that while we have no objection in principle to approval of a ramp relocation plan, approval is wholly dependent on a design which in no way impedes the construction of the Central Artery project. As early as September of 1984, the Department indicated that there appeared to be serious complications between the Artery and the Chiofaro ramp design. While we have subsequently invested significant staff time and resources in reviewing additional proposals from Mr. Chiofaro and attempting to identify on our own a technically acceptable design, as of now no acceptable solution has been reached.

As we have indicated to Mr. Chiofaro, we intend to continue to work with him in an attempt to resolve this issue. Every effort will be made to evaluate potential solutions fully and fairly. We are, however, unwilling to approve a design which would in any way compromise the Central Artery project.

Sincerely,

Frederick P. Salvucci
Secretary

